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June 29, 2016

**Via Hand Delivery**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58  
2016 ETC Annual Report of Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Study Area Code 240546**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Company"), JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.<sup>2</sup> The redacted version is being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Company's Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report required by Section 54.313.<sup>3</sup>

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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JSI Vice President  
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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 rel. March 22, 2016 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.313.



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Request for Confidentiality**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).<sup>2</sup>

1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company's annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules ("Report").<sup>3</sup>
2. Pursuant to Section 54.313, Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission a Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan ("Progress Report") which is contained in the attachment to the 2016 Report.<sup>4</sup>
3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313.

4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.

In its *March 5, 2013 Order*, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories."<sup>5</sup> The Company's Progress Report updates this information as well as provides maps and detailed information as to whether or not network improvement objectives were achieved at the wire center level. Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file Progress Reports which contain proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates, population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 112 attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.
6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing

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<sup>5</sup> See *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket 10-90 *et al.*, Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("*March 5, 2013 Order*") at para 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

## Request for Confidentiality

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the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Progress Report to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.

7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
9. Not applicable.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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Form Type	54.313 and 54.422
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Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Not Applicable

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**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)  
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? No

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request  
Data Collection Form**

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document



(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed broadband	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0 . 0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

<b>(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules</b>		FCC Form 481
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
		240546SC510 .pdf
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form		REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	240546SC610 .pdf

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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<b>(710) Broadband Price Offerings</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<b>(800) Operating Companies</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No
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If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

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**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability  
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

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Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

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Name of Attached Document



**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
**Data Collection Form**

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240546SC1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

**Data Collection Form**

*Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 200px; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input style="width: 200px; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input style="width: 200px; height: 60px;" type="text"/>
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certification
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3019)	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation  
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010>	Study Area Code	240546
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	



<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>John Staurulakis, Inc.</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	John Staurulakis, Inc.
Name of Reporting Carrier:	SANDHILL TEL COOP
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Christopher Chambers
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	CEO/General Manager
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	8436586857 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	240546 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

<b>Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	SANDHILL TEL COOP
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	John Staurulakis, Inc.
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Lans Chase
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Staff Director - Regulatory Affairs
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	7705692015 ext.1
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	240546 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

## Attachments

**REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

**ATTACHMENT - LINE 112**

**Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and  
Progress Report**

**ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY**

**Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.’s demonstration of complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for voice and broadband services:**

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.”<sup>2</sup> The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.<sup>3</sup> In this context, the FCC stated, “to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”<sup>4</sup>

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Sandhill”) hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. Sandhill is subject to consumer protection obligations under both federal and South Carolina state law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina which disclose rates, and terms and conditions of service to customers (Section 103-612.2.1 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: “(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy.” *Id.* at n. 71.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at n. 72.

govern Standards and Quality of Service (Sections 103-661, 103-662, and 103-663 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); Customer Relations, including billing, deposits, discontinuance and termination of service (Sections 103-620 through 103-633 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); Engineering and Safety Standards (Sections 103-640 through 103-646 and 103-670 through 103-672 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); Inspections and Tests (Sections 103-650 through 103-653 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); Records and Reports (Sections 103-610 through 103-619 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations) and Customer Complaints (Section 103-628 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); (3) truth-in-billing requirements (Section 103-622.1 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations); and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

Sandhill is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in 47 CFR § 8.3. The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the *2015 Open Internet Order*.

**Sandhill Telephone Cooperative’s demonstration of ability to function in emergency situations for voice and broadband services:**

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Sandhill”) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2)<sup>1</sup> and Section 103-646 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations. Sandhill’s network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2) and Section 103-646 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations. Sandhill can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow Sandhill to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require. In addition, Sandhill has redundancy for connectivity purposes *via* additional routes and electronic equipment for voice and broadband services.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. Sandhill has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment. Generators are installed at all Central Office locations. They will continue to run as long as Sandhill has access to fuel.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to “demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.”

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**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  
Data Collection Form**

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**(710) Broadband Price Offerings**  
**Data Collection Form**

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(800) Operating Companies	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
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## BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### 3.7 LIFELINE PROGRAM

#### 3.7.1 General

- A. The Lifeline Program is a telephone assistance program designed to make telephone service available at reduced rates to eligible residential customers.
- B. Eligible customers will receive a credit not to exceed the current federally-mandated subscriber line charge (End User Common Line Charge). The credit will be applied to basic local exchange access service.
- C. The Lifeline Program reduction to basic local exchange access service shall apply only to residential one-party service.
- D. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a customer who is otherwise eligible for the Lifeline Program from obtaining and using telecommunications equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunications services.
- E. The Lifeline Program rate reduction does not apply to service connection charges, except that customers eligible for the Link Up America program will receive a reduction on applicable service connection services, as set forth in Section 4.8 of this tariff.
- F. The Lifeline Program rate will not be available on a retroactive basis.

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## BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.7 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)

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## 3.7.2 Eligibility Requirements

- A. The discounted service will be provided for one (1) telephone line per household, at the subscriber's principal place of residence. Individuals who meet the following four (4) criteria are eligible for Lifeline Assistance.
- (1) The applicant cannot be a dependent as defined by the Federal Income Tax Code, under the age of sixty (60);
  - (2) The applicant is head of household;
  - (3) The applicant must have only one (1) local exchange access line to his/her residential premises or dwelling place; and
  - (4) Provide proof of income eligibility.
- B. Verification of the first two (2) requirements will be accomplished through self-certification.
- C. The Cooperative will verify the third (3rd) and fourth (4th) requirements. A service order to establish the applicant's telephone service will not be issued until proof of the applicant's income level has been obtained and verified. As proof of income eligibility, an applicant can: 1) show that he/she is currently a recipient of benefits under one (1) of several specified public assistance programs; or 2) demonstrate poverty level income.

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3.7 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)

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## 3.7.2 Eligibility Requirements (Cont'd)

C. (Cont'd)

The process to be followed under each of these alternatives is outlined as follows:

## (1) Participation in Public Assistance Programs:

a. The specified programs are as follows:

- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- Food Stamps
- Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP)
- Medical Assistance Program (MAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

b. Individuals choosing this option are required to deliver or mail to the Cooperative a photocopy of a valid identification card or of the appropriate documents that are issued to them by the agency administering the program.

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3.7 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)

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## 3.7.2 Eligibility Requirements (Cont'd)

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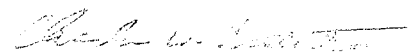
(2) Applicants who demonstrate poverty level income either:

- (a) As determined by the individual's Federal income tax return. Individuals choosing this option are required to obtain and deliver or mail to the Cooperative a photocopy of their most recent U.S. Individual Tax Return (Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ) that was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. The Cooperative will look at the number of exemptions reported to determine the size of the family unit and the dollar amount reported on the adjusted gross income line. These figures will then be compared to current federal poverty income level guideline tables, as published in the Federal Register, to determine if the applicant meets the income criteria.
- (b) Fixed income, retired or other subscribers not required to file an individual tax return (Form 1040, Form 1040A or 1040EZ) should write a letter to the Cooperative with a written statement to that effect and a statement that they qualify for the Lifeline Program. The Cooperative may choose to verify this information with a State or Federal agency before determining the applicant's eligibility.

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**BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**3.7 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)**

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**3.7.3 Restrictions**

- A. The Lifeline Program rate will only be provided for service to the applicant's principal residence or dwelling.

**3.7.4 Recertification**

- A. Customers must recertify on an annual basis that they continue to qualify for the discounted service.

**3.7.5 Credit and Collection**

- A. Credit References

The credit verification procedures used for all applicants who apply for service with the Cooperative will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline Program.

- B. Deposits

Deposit requirements will be waived for all applicants who qualify for Lifeline Service, as long as the applicants continue to qualify for Lifeline Service.

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**3.7 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)**

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**3.7.6 Service Connection Charges**

- A. Service charges do not apply to eligible customers with existing residential access line service when they convert to the Lifeline Program.
- B. Service Connection Charges will apply when:
  - (1) Existing eligible residential local exchange access service customers also convert to a different grade of eligible residential service and/or optional calling services at the time the Lifeline Program billing is initiated.
  - (2) A customer receiving Lifeline Program billing voluntarily elects to convert to telephone service arrangements which preclude Lifeline Program eligibility.
  - (3) New residential applicants (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for the Lifeline Program will be subject to applicable service connection charges, including the Link Up America Program, as specified in Section IV of this Tariff.
- C. Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to the Lifeline Program will be subject to the applicable service charges as outlined in Section IV of this Tariff.

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## BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### 3.1 GENERAL

#### A. Description and Area of Operations

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Cooperative) is a public utility providing telecommunications service in the areas certificated to the Cooperative by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

Headquarters for the Cooperative are located at P.O. Box 519, 122 S. Main Street, Jefferson, South Carolina 29718. Cooperative representatives may be contacted at (803) 658-3434.

The Cooperative is largely financed by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and provides one-party service throughout its service area according to an area coverage design approved by the RUS.

#### Areas of Operation

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>NPA-NXX</u>	<u>County</u>	
McBee	335	Chesterfield	
Jefferson	658	Chesterfield	
Ruby	634	Chesterfield	
Chesterfield	623, 622	Chesterfield	(T)
Pageland	672, 675	Chesterfield	(T)
Patrick	498	Chesterfield	
Bethune	334	Kershaw	

#### B. Exchange service areas are identified on maps filed at the end of this Section.

Map for McBee	Separate page
Map for Jefferson	Separate page
Map for Ruby	Separate page
Map for Chestefield	Separate page
Map for Pageland	Separate page
Map for Patrick	Separate page
Map for Bethune	Separate page

#### C. The rates for service and equipment and not specifically shown in this section are presented in other sections of this Tariff.

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## BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.2 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES

- A. Monthly exchange rates are authorized by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina and are shown as follows:

## 3.2.1 Flat Rate Service

Chesterfield Exchange\*

		Tariff Code	
Residence:			
1 party access charge	\$10.80	R7	(R)
(.00 Cheraw EAS)	.00		
	10.80		
Business:			
1 party access charge	\$ 21.60	C1	
(.00 Cheraw EAS)	.00		
	21.60		
Public Telephone Access Service	21.60	CN	
(.00 Cheraw EAS)	.00		
	21.60		
Key system lines	21.60	KT	
(.00 Cheraw EAS)	.00		
	21.60		
PBX lines	21.60	P1	(R)
(.00 Cheraw EAS)	.00		
	21.60		

Jefferson Exchange\*

Residence:			
1 party access charge	\$ 10.80	R1	
Business:			
1 party access charge	\$ 21.60	B1	
Public Telephone Access Service	21.60	CM	
Key system lines	21.60	KK	
PBX lines	21.60	PA	

\* Only one party service offered for business or residence.

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**BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE****3.2 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES (Cont'd)****3.2.1 Flat Rate Service (Cont'd)****McBee Exchange\***Tariff  
Code

## Residence:

1 party access charge  
(.00 Hrtv. EAS)

\$ 10.80

R2

(R)

.00

10.80

## Business:

1 party access charge  
(.00 Hrtv.EAS)

\$ 21.60

B2

.00

21.60

Public Telephone Access Service  
(.00 Hrtv. EAS)

21.60

CF

.00

21.60

Key system lines  
(.00 Hrtv.EAS)

21.60

KL

.00

21.60

PBX lines  
(.00 Hrtv.EAS)

21.60

P6

(R)

.00

21.60

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3.2 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES (Cont'd)

3.2.1 Flat Rate Service (Cont'd)

Tariff  
Code

Bethune Exchange\*

Residence:

1 party access charge  
(.00 Camden EAS)

\$ 10.80  
.00  
10.80

R4

(R)

Business:

1 party access charge  
(.00 Camden EAS)

\$ 21.60  
.00  
21.60

B5

Public Telephone Access Service  
(.00 Camden EAS)

21.60  
.00  
21.60

CE

Key system lines  
(.00 Camden EAS)

21.60  
.00  
21.60

KF

PBX lines  
(.00 Camden EAS)

21.60  
.00  
21.60

PH

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**BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**3.2 MONTHLY EXCHANGE RATES (Cont'd)**

**3.2.1 Flat Rate Service (Cont'd)**

Tariff  
Code

**Pageland Exchange\***

Residence:

1 party access charge \$ 10.80 R1

Business:

1 party access charge \$ 21.60 B1

Public Telephone Access Service 21.60 CM

Key system lines 21.60 KK

PBX lines 21.60 PA

**Patrick Exchange\***

Residence:

1 party access charge \$ 10.80 R3 (R)  
(.00 Cheraw EAS; .00 Hrtv. EAS) .00  
10.80

Business:

1 party access charge \$ 21.60 B3  
(.00 Cheraw EAS; .00 Hrtv.EAS) .00  
21.60

Public Telephone Access Service 21.60 CQ  
(.00 Cheraw EAS; .00 Hrtv EAS) .00  
21.60

Key system lines 21.60 KI  
(.00 Cheraw EAS; .00 Hrtv EAS) .00  
21.60

PBX lines 21.60 (R)  
(.00 Cheraw EAS; .00 Hrtv EAS) .00  
21.60

**Ruby Exchange\***

Residence:

1 party access charge \$ 10.80 R1

Business:

1 party access charge \$ 21.60 B1

Public Telephone Access Service 21.60 CM

Key system lines 21.60 KK

PBX lines 21.60 PA

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## BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.2.2 LOCAL EXCEPTIONS

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50% discount on one (1) party residence access and EAS charges, as set forth in Section 3.2.1, for one (1) line only, one (1) location only.

## A. Churches:

<u>Exchanges</u>	<u>Tariff Code</u>
McBee	C6
Patrick	C7
Jefferson	C8
Pageland	C8
Bethune	C5
Ruby	C8
Chesterfield	DH

## B. Temporary suspension of service.

<u>Exchanges</u>	<u>Tariff Code</u>
McBee	V6
Patrick	V7
Jefferson	V5
Pageland	V5
Bethune	VY
Ruby	V5
Chesterfield	V8

<u>Exchanges</u>	<u>Tariff Code</u>
McBee	V2
Patrick	V3
Jefferson	V1
Pageland	V1
Bethune	VZ
Ruby	V1
Chesterfield	V4

## C. Chesterfield reduced rate.

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Tariff Code</u>
Chesterfield	CB

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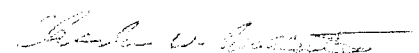
3.2.3 LOCAL CALLING AREAS

The rates specified in Section 3.2.1 entitle customers to access all stations bearing the central office designations of additional exchanges as shown below. The local calling area of the exchanges in the left hand column also includes the exchanges listed in the right hand column.

<u>Exchanges</u>	<u>Additional Exchanges</u>
Jefferson	Bethune, Chesterfield, McBee, Pageland, Patrick, Ruby
McBee	Bethune, Chesterfield, Hartsville, Jefferson, Pageland, Patrick, Ruby
Ruby	Bethune, Chesterfield, Jefferson, McBee, Pageland, Patrick
Chesterfield	Bethune, Cheraw, Jefferson, McBee, Pageland, Patrick, Ruby
Bethune	Chesterfield, Jefferson, McBee, Pageland, Patrick, Ruby, Camden
Pageland	Bethune, Chesterfield, Jefferson, McBee, Patrick, Ruby
Patrick	Bethune, Cheraw, Chesterfield, Hartsville, Jefferson, McBee, Pageland, Ruby

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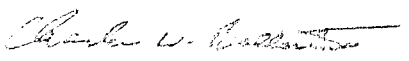
**BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**3.2.4 EXCHANGE MILEAGE CHARGES**

- A. No exchange mileage shall apply within the Exchange Service area.
- B. No zone charges shall apply within the Exchange Service area.

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**Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SAC 240546)**

**Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))**

Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SAC 240546) hereby certifies that throughout 2015, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, the Company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.



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**ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026**

**ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY**